IN PERIL FROM BUSH FIRES.

MANY LIVES LOST OR ENDANGERED IN THE NORTHWEST.

PLANES SWEEPING OVER HILLS AND VALLEYS IN

WASHINGTON AND BRITISH COLUMBIA-THE DAMAGE ESTIMATED IN MILLIONS.

Spokane, Wash., July 23,-A strong wind has en blowing from the east for twenty-four hours, clearing the atmosphere here of smoke, but in the mountains to the north the breeze has been the means of fanning the forest fires into roging walls of flame, which are sweeping across the hills and down into the valleys with terrible rapidity. When the air was still the fires were confined to the mountains, and did not creep down into the valleys, but now those who sought safety in the lowlands are compelled to fice for

Word received from Kaslo and places along th Arrow Lakes, in British Columbia, is to the effect that the high wind has roused the smouldering embers into fresh blazes, and where the miners thought they were safe, the fire having passed over them, they find themselves surroundpossible, and a number of deaths may be the re-rult. On the north fork of the ferod by flames. In some cases escape is almost imnearly all the cabins and shaft-houses have been burned, together with large quantities of provisions and tools. It is learned that Rossland, B. C, is in danger. All citizens of the town are out in the hills trying to prevent the fires from reaching their homes. Cabins within four miles of the town have been burned.

Mosgre reports have reached this city of fires on the Colville Indian Reservation. Only a few people have come down, and it is feared that many have met death. A party came to Kettle River from Turtle Creek, and three members went back to get some bedding. They have not re turned, and, as the fire has swept over the place, It is feared that they have been lost.

United States Forestry Commission is in this city for the purpose of inspecting the forbut the visitors find they cannot go out on secount of the fires. From information they have of the extent of the fire, they estimate the damage at many millions of dollars.

Seattle, Wash, July 23.-Forest fires last night destroyed the logging camp of W. M. Clothier & Son, at Central Station, on the Bellingham Bay and British Columbia Railway. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. The entire country north of here is in flame. Four freight cars and considerable sidetrack of the Bellingham Bay and British Columbia road were destroyed at Everton. The flames were gradually working

Vancouver, B. C., July 23.-Along the Northern Rallway, between Whatcom and Goshen, bush fires have burned many farm buildings and a great quantity of fencing and railroad In Vancouver last night there were two ties. In vancouver last more than the bushes, a house fires, caused by sparks from the bushes, a house and a steamer being burned. Unless rain comes soon large tracts of timber along the Fraser River will be destroyed. Dense smoke has settled down over the seaport towns, and it is with the greatest difficulty that navigation can the bush fires are more extensive be carried on. The bush fires are more extensive and destructive than in any other season for

Victoria, B. C., July 23 .- The southern half of Vancouver Island has not seen clear atmosphere for several days, owing to immense bush fires everywhere raging, causing immense damage to property and making travel on country roads extremely dangerous. The worst reports of damage reached this city from Alberni last night. That city is surrounded by one immense fire, which has covered Mineral Hill, a wealthy section. The flames have destroyed all buildings in the Duke of York mine, China Creek, and are now within two or three miles of town, having burned numerous camps and bridges.

There were many narrow escapes from death. Women and children had to be kept under the piping of hydraulic mines and drenched with water to prevent them from being scorched, water to prevent them from being scorched. The damage to property thus far is estimated at over half a million dollars, and the loss on burned timber will reach well into the millions. of damage reached this city from Alberni last

CHANGES IN THE PLANS FOR SHERRY'S.

THE NEW BUILDING MAY BE TEN STORIES HIGH INSTEAD OF SEVEN.

e that the plans for Louis Sherry's ave, and Forty-fourth-st, will be modified so that building will be ten stories high instead of n. In that case there will be seven floors in-

The old buildings on the site have been torn down and the work of excavating has begun. Sherry's present place bears the sign: "To lease for a long term of years."

CHARLES RAINES MARRIED.

THE SENATOR'S SON DENIES THAT IT WAS SECRET WEDDING.

Charles Raines, a son of Senator John Raines, walked into the office of the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, at No. 35 Wall-st., where he is employed as a clerk, on Monday last, and, aca vacation until yesterday, stating that he was going to get married. As this is the company of which Henry B. Platt, son of T. C. Platt, is the most active manager, and Frank H. Plett, another son, a legal adviser, there was a desire to accommodate the years.

granted.

Yesterday young Mr. Raines appeared at the office as usual and was asked if he had "committed the act." He replied in the affirmative, and was coegratulated. The report got abroad that Mr. Raines had made a clandestine marriage, and that attempts were being made to conceal the fact.

Mr. Raines late in the day made the following statement: "There has been no secret about my marriage. I first met the woman who is now Mrs. Raines two years ago in Brooklyn. She was Miss Guidotti, whose father is, I believe, the manager of an Iron works in Chicago. She was visiting friends in Brooklyn. We have been engaged for two years.

Guidotti, whose father is, I believe, the manager of an iron works in Chicago. She was visiting friends in Brooklyn. We have been engaged for two years. In Brooklyn. We have been engaged for two years. She came on here to visit her Brooklyn friends, and she came on here to visit her Brooklyn friends, and we decermined to get married. Her family being in we decermined to get married. Her family being in we decermined here. I knew up minister in Brooklyn but I did know the Rev. Mr. Johnson, pastor of lyn but I did know the Rev. Mr. Johnson, pastor of the Jersey City Heights Haptist Church, and so we will be here to him to have the marriage ceremony personned on Monday. It was done at 6 p. m. "We took the day boat to Albany Tuesday, and we look the day boat to Albany Tuesday, and relied on my father at the Kenmore Hotel. He expensed his satisfaction. We returned to Brooklyn yesterday. I did not expect such a fuss to be made about this matter, but under the circumstances it seems best to make this statement."

Mr. Raines said that when he came to this city likely years ago he boarded in Jersey City, and then made the acquasinance of the Rev. Mr. Johnson. For six years Mr. Raines has been a clerk in the Fidelity and Casualty Company. He has been made at the acquasinance of the Rev. Mr. Johnson. For six years Mr. Raines has been a clerk in the Fidelity and Casualty Company. He has been fixed in the Brooklyn. The best man was a friend of his, he said, named Paul Blockel.

SUPERINTENDENT SMITH'S TRIAL BEGUN. The trial of J. Elliott Smith, Superintendent of the Fire Alarm and Telegraph Department, on charges of fraud and incompetency, was begun

Yesterday afternoon before the Board of Fire Com-The Board was represented by William L. Findley, attorney for the Fire Department, and Colonel T. C. Campbell, who said he had been consulted by a majority of the Board and represented them as well as some property-owners who were in-

bined. Commissioner Sheffield asked what member of the Board he represented, and Colonel Camp-bell responded: "All but Mr. Sheffield." Mr. Sheffield asked that the manner in which the

Attorney happened to be in the case be placed in the record. This was done.

J. V. Olcott, who appeared as counsel for the detendant, objected vigorously to Mr. Campbell being permitted to take part in the prosecution, and asked for an adjournment on account of having had only about six working hours in which to prepare for the trial. The attorney's objections and request were both overruled.

Adam Bozch, superintendent of the fire-alarm

or the trial. The attorney's objections and at were both overruled. In Bosch, superintendent of the fire-alarm in Newark, N. J., was the only witness exd. Mr. Bosch was shown a report of le" in the alarm system of the New-York bepartment in the year preceding the filing of against Superintendent Smith. He said ludging from the report, the alarm system have been in a bad condition. He explained all his reasons for this opinion. It was to resume the trial at 19:20 o'clock Monday

OLD COLONIAL RECORDS FOUND.

VALUABLE PAPERS DISCOVERED AT AL-BANY ARRANGED AND CLASSIFIED BY CONTROLLER ROBERTS.

Albany, July 21 (Special) - Colonel F. C. Ains worth, the Chief Record and Pension Officer under the War Department of the United States, will come to Albany in a few days on an important mission. It will be better understood by a brief reference to certain discoveries that have been made in the Controller's office through the care and fidelity of

Late last fall, when it was proposed to move the flice of the Controller from the old State building. where it had been for nearly sixty years, to the new Capitol, a search was made among the rooms in the oughly investigated so that any one would know what was there. The search disclosed a large quantity of records of the Revolutionary War, the presence of which no one suspected. The revelation was rewarded most liberally. Controller Roberts then invited Colonel Shepard, of his office, to ex amine, arrange and collate the material. Colonel Shepard was well equipped for the work on account of his long military service. As the work proceeded the field enlarged and the matter increased till there have been found data of sixty-four military organizations in the Colonial and Continental services, besides a record of four privateers that had been fitted out at the expense of the State and for its particular service.

muster rolls, receipts for pay and orders for pay-all with the original signatures of the soldiers. There are lists of pensioners, and applications for pensions, with interesting proofs and affidavits. The lists of pensioners cover a period of many years. There are also many discharges, a number of them earing the signature of General Washington, Many of the records concern the famous "Green Mountain Boys," as well as the roldiers from the State of

There are also many land "Bounty Rights." In one case, the purchaser of such "Rights" from the soldiers had secured enough of them to entitle him locate 21,000 acres in the "Chemung District"; and he did so locate. There are lists and accounts

to locate 21,000 acres in the "Chemung District"; and he did so locate. There are lists and accounts of estates confiscated on account of disloyalty and treasonable practices; and, also, claims in detail for property destroyed by the enemy's raids into the valleys of the Mohawk and the Schoharie. The latter were found in their original packages.

The scattered papers, which filled a number of bushel baskets, were first arranged and classified according to their proper groups, as outlined above. Then was begun the laborious work of pasting each paper upon a leaf of thick cardboard, preparatory to binding. There will be about twenty large volumes when the work is completed, which will not be for some months yet, as the Controller is working within his regular appropriation, and with a small force. The indexing of the names, by the card system, has followed closely upon the preparations for binding. It will be some time before the public can have access to the material; but later on it is proposed to ask the Legislature for an appropriation so that the material can be printed. It should also be stated that records of the War of 1812 and of the Mexican War have been discovered; but they will not be opened till the Revolutionary records have been disposed of.

The information contained in the newly discovered records is, much of it, quite new, and in some instances it antedates or supplies deficiencies in records that had been published previously. Some years ago the Regents of the University published Volume I of the State Archives, known as "New-York in the Revolution." The work was carefully compiled and edited by Berthold Fernow; but there

Revolutionary record, the new records take on an especial interest.

In his coming compilation of the muster rolls of all the States in all the wars of the United States, Colonel Ainsworth is able to account for only a few more than sixteen thousand soldiers from the State of New-York in the Revolutionary War. But the newly discovered records in the Controller's office already carry the names of over thirty thousand soldiers. Such a serious difference as this made Colonel Ainsworth enter into correspondence with Controller Roberts as to the loan of the records for the use of the United States War Department. It was explained to Colonel Ainsworth that the records could not go out of the State's possession without a special act of the Lerislature—a thing difficult to secure, and that could not possibly be secured for at least six months. So the Controller sent a special messenger to Washington to make certain arrangements with Colonel Ainsworth, the result being that the latter will come to Albany soon and examine the records. At that time it is probable that some understanding will be reached by which the War Department will have the use of the records in Albany as fast as they can be prepared for the inspection of the public.

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Marking Belle Joyce, from Los Angeles, Cal., was sommitted to the custody of the Gerry society by Masistrate Simms, in the Yorkville Police Court yesterday. She is only fifteen years old.

In the latter part of last June Belle Humphries, as the gift was then, while bathing, ventured and the statement for inchesting and in reply to thave anything to do with the paper, all though it has been talked of as an investment for inchesting and in reply to the way and in reply to chave anything to do with the paper, and they are the politics of chussiasm, and in reply to enthusiasm, and in reply to enthus and any to enthus the proper and the formation of the house o

No. 630 Third-ave. They had then exactly \$30 remaining. On Tuesday a week ago, according to the wife's statement yesterday, Joyce bought himself a 18 suit of clothes, a slik hat and a pair of pointed-toed shoes. He gave his wife 75 cents, and left her, stating that he was going to his grand-father's, in Elbers, Geneseo County, N. Y., to procure money to pay what he had borrowed, and to meet current expenses.

As the days passel and he did not return, Mrs. Joyce became alarmed, and on Wednesday she opened her husband's trunk. In it she found letters indicating that he was in the habit of deceiving young girls. One of the letters was dated at No. 24 East Forty-fifth-st, in December, 1995. It began: "My Denr Little Man," and was signed, "Your True Wife. Belle." The writer advised Joyce to keep from liquor, and to save money. Testerday morning, after reading the letter, the girl wife went to the East Thirty-fifth-st, police station and told her story to Sergeant Bell, who sent her to the Yorkville Court. She was placed in the care of Agents Schmidt and Agnew, of the Gerry society, by Magistrate Simms, the Magistrate directing that the girl's mother should be communicated with.

TOO POOR TO KEEP HER CHILDREN.

A DISTRESSED MOTHER ASKS THAT HER SU

Mrs. Sophia Zeugel, a widow, appeared in Jefferson Market Court yesterday morning and with children to some institution. She told a pitiful Story, and Agent Barkley, of the Gerry society, told Magistrate Deuel that he had seldom seen a more worthy case.

husband, Carl, formerly kept a little milk stand, but that six months ago he was taken hopelessly insane and was now confined on Ward's Island. She said that after this misfortune she tried to run the business, but through her inexperience she lost all of the money, and she had been forced to move to a rear room in a dilapidated tenementmitted. The children were Minnie, eight years old; Anna, seven years; Lizzie, five years; May, three years; Jacob, two years, and Charles, six months old.

years; Jacob, two years, and Charles, six months old.

Agent Barkley told the Magistrate that when he visited the rooms he found that they were extremely neat.

Magistrate Dauel, at the suggestion of Agent Barkley, committed Anna, Lizzle and May to the Barkley, committed Anna, Lizzle and May to the East Thirtieth-st. Jacob was suffering from sore eyes, and accordingly could not be committed to any institution, and he will be sent to a hospital by the Gerry Society. Minnie will to-day be sent to the country with eight other girls under the to the country with eight other girls under the auspices of The Tribune Fresh Air Fund. Charles, auspices of The Tribune Fresh Air Fund. Charles, the six-months-old baby, could not be committed owing to his age.

Mrs. Zeugel wept bitterly when she parted from her children, and she assured the Magistrate that if ever she was in a condition to take the children back she would do so.

PETER KENNY BURIED.

The funeral of Peter Kenny, of Ridgeway Park, The funeral of Peter Kenny, of Ridgeway Park,
N. J., for many years a member of the Old Guard
and the Hoboken Turtle Club, who died last Tursday, took place at the home of his father-in-law,
John Bingham, No. 8 East One-hundred-andtwenty-ninth-st., at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The Rev. J. E. Lambert, of Ridgeway Park, officiated. Immediately at the close of the services, the body was taken to Calvary Cemetery for burial. W. H. Kirby, Schuyler L. Girard and Horace Brockway, of the Oid Guard and the Turtle Club, and Adjutant Robert P. Lyons and Captains B. J. Rogers and James Wennan, of the Oid Guard, acted Rogers and James Wennan, of the Oid Guard, acted as pallbearers. Among those present besides the members of the family were Major Thomas E. Sloan, Captain A. T. Decker, Edward P. Moore, James Hammel and A. P. Sanderson of the Old Guard. A THIEF WITH MANY JEWELS.

STOLEN DIAMONDS ON HIS PERSON AND IN HIS

Adolph Hermansohn stole diamonds and jewelry and spent part of the moncy obtained for them on the races and East Side cafe women. He had an easy way of getting diamonds, and he was not slow in taking them. When arrested he was bedecked with diamonds, having one or more rings on each of his fingers. He confessed his guilt, but did not exhibit any signs of penitence.

The prisoner is about twenty-three years old. Five years ago he secured a place as clerk in the jewelry establishment of Stone Brothers, at years, when the firm discovered some irregularities on his part, and he was discharged. Ever since then articles of jewelry have been frequently missed, but suspicion never seems to have rested upon Herostensibly to see some of the other clerks. He used shortly before the store closed. Then, when every-body had gone, he would go up to Mr. Stone's pricould find there. He was noticed going down to search was made he was found hiding behind some boxes. He was ordered out of the place and told

Mr. Stone then arrived at the conclusion that his former clerk might have had something to do his former clerk might have had something to do with the periodical thefts that had occurred, so he laid the matter before Captain O'Brien, of the Detective Bureau. Detectives Pollock and McCarthy learned that young Hermansohn lived at No. 93 Eighth-st., and they at once began to shadow him. Although he had no employment, the young man spent money lavishly.

Diamonds always flashed from his scarf and shirt front and sparkled on his fingers. He was also a daily visitor to the racetracks, where he bet freely, and he was followed there several days by the detectives.

etectives. After returning from the track Wednesday evening he was arrested near his home, and the detectives then searched his room, where they found nearly \$500 worth of the stolen jewelry. The diamonds he wore were worth several hundred dolars. The detectives also found fifteen pawn tickets for stolen articles of jewelry, amounting to about \$500.

When arraigned in Jefferson Market Court yes-terday the prisoner confessed his guilt and told how he had committed the thefts. The exact amount of his stealings is not known. Magistrate Deuel held him in \$2,500 ball for trial. The prisoner is unmarried and made his home with relatives. His parents, who are respectable people, live up-town.

GENERAL TORRENCE AND "THE TIMES."

HE SAYS IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED TO HIM AS AN INVESTMENT, BUT HE DOES NOT THINK HE WILL TAKE IT.

General Joseph T. Torrence, of Chicago, reached the city from the West last evening. The General has a country place on Long Island, but he went wearing a unique emblematic pin. It was in the shape of the American flag, with the coat-of-arms of the State of Illinois entwined, and underneath in and under that the inscription, "McKinley and Protection." It is a handsome pin, and General Torrence remarked concerning it: "I had that pin I have always advocated the policy of protection, and he typified the creed. I worked for his nomination, and I am pleased with the ticket and the plat-

General Torrence's visit to the city was heralded by a dispatch from Chicago, which said that he was coming here to close negotiations for the purchase of "The New-York Times," and that he had contemplated buying the paper ever since he heard it was to be sold. He came East, so it was said, to make a personal inspection of the property. When the General was asked about the truth of the state-

ment, he remarked candidly;
"I know enough to keep away from things that I don't know anything about. A journeyman news-paper man knows more about the business in a minute than I would in a thousand years. I know my own business, and it keeps me busy attending Some gentlemen, in whose sagacity and to me about investments in the East, not only this

TWO MEN HURT BY A DERRICK.

laborers employed in making a sewer at One-hunlaborers employed in ded-and-eighty-third-st, and Bathgate-ave., and much excavation is going on there. Yesterday afternoon the work of placing a derrick in position afternoon the work of placing a derrick in position was started, but it had not proceeded far when the derrick fell and seriously injured two of the Italians. The injured men were taken to Fordham Hospital. One of them, Alfonso Chione, thirty-nine years old, of Bathgate and Third aves, sustained a severe fracture of the skull, and the other, Michael Cappaidno, of Fourteenthest, and Eighth-ave., Williamsbridge, had his left leg broken and also suffered a scalp wound.

Detective Sergeants Cuff and McNaught, of the Detective Sergeants Cuff and McNaught, of the District-Attorney's office, yesterday arrested Perrin H. Sumner, who was indicted last week on a charge of swindling Charles H. Goodwin, of Haverhill, Mass., out of \$2,100. Sumner has been in hiding, but the detectives yesterday learned he was in an office at No. 237 Broadway, and arrested him there. He was arraigned before Recorder Goff in Part I, General Sessions, and admitted to \$1,000 bail. He is charged with inducing Goodwin to buy worthless lands in New-Jersey.

FIRE IN MORRISANIA.

frame house at No. 539 East One-hundred-and-six-ty-second-st, yesterday afternoon by a fire of un-known origin. The ground floor is a total wreck and the front of the building is burned up, the woodwork of an adjoining building being charred. The ground floor was occupied on one side by John Ganz, a barber, and on the other half by a fancy goods store, run by Thomas P. Walsh. The loss is about \$3,000. frame house at No. 509 East One-hundred-and-six-

ADMIRAL CLITZ WELL ENOUGH TO BE OUT. Rear-Admiral Clitz took a walk along the Boulevard with his physician, Dr. Bullock, yesterday, and was congratulated by several friends on the and was condition. His restoration to health is now regarded as certain, but he has much yet to recover in strength.

DISMISSED FOR THE THIRD TIME. City Magistrate Leroy B. Crane appeared before

City Magistrate Leroy B. Crane appeared before the Grand Jury yesterday. He was cailed to tell what he knew about Lawrence E. Storey, a keeper in the Tombs, whom ex-Warden Fallon, of the Tombs, has been trying to get indicted. Storey was one of the Tombs keepers that was a witness in the investigation that resulted in the removal of Fallon as Warden of the Tombs. When Storey was appointed keeper he swore he had never been convicted of crime. Ex-Warden Fallon said he was appointed keeper he swore he had never been convicted of crime. Ex-Warden Falion said he had discovered evidence that Storey committed perjury when he so swore, and sought to have him indicated. Twice the Grand Jury considered the matter, but found no indicament. It came up again to-day.

Magistrate Crane was one of the men that recommended Storey for appointment as keeper, and he was called to tell what he knew about him. After considering all the evidence the Grand Jury dismissed the complaint for the third time.

A CHURCH STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE TOWER OF THE PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL

In the course of the severe storm Wednesday night the Pilgrim Congregational Church, at One-hundredand-twenty-first-st. and Madison-ave., was struck twice by lightning. The damage is estimated at \$500. It is confined to the exterior of the church en-tirely. The thunder accompanying the lightning bolts woke everybody in the neighborhood, and several persons were made iil. The tower is 120 feet is square and pierced by eight windows, four small ones, and below them four long, narrow ones, thirty feet in length. The upper part of the tower consists of an octagonal spire topped by a gilt ball. The first bolt which struck it hit the gilt ball, glanced down the south side of the spire, ripping the state off and burst in a ball of flame in the middle of One-The fragments of the slate fell upon the roofs

of houses opposite, awaking the occupants and breaking windows in every direction. The second bolt struck the small window on the north side of the tower, split the heavy brick cornice; sending pieces weighing twenty pounds crashing to the pave-ment. It crumbled an ornamental terms cotta cor-nice below it into atoms and pushed its course down the centre of the long window, breaking nearity every pane. A metal water pipe carried the boit to the

Besides the damage to the tower, nearly a hundred panes of glass in the two large Gothic windows facing on Madison-ave, and on One-hundred-and-twenty-first-st, were broken, it is thought, by the fragments of slate and brick.

J. M. Ryder, the sexton, who lives with his father-lin-law, Isaac Moriey, at No. 64 East One-hundred-and-twenty-first-st, investigated immeliately after the bolrs struck, but found that no damage had been done to the interior.

In the house of John Marks, of No. 136 East One-hundred-and-twenty-second-st, nearly two blocks away, the shock was felt plainly. Mr. Marks was in the bedroom at the time and was nearly knocked off his feet. In the home of L. B. Purdy, at No. 126 East One-hundred-and-twenty-second-st, there was almost a panic. Several women occupied rooms in their night cresses, thinking that the house had been struck. Mr. Purdy and a man lodger pacified them as well as they could. Several of the women were made ill.

CIVIL SERVICE CONSOLIDATION.

PROPOSITION FOR THE AMALGAMATION OF LOCAL FEDERAL BOARDS

The United States Civil Service Commissioners John R. Proctor, chairman; William G. Rice and Harlow, met the representatives of the local Federal Civil Service boards of New-York City, Jersey City and Brooklyn in Room 47 of the Postoffice Building yesterday. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the question of consolidating the various boards into a central board, whose representative or representatives should report to

It was the general opinion of those present at the meeting that the central board plan would result in economy of work and be beneficial to the public service. It was not decided as to the extent of territory contiguous to this city that the Central Board would cover, but Chairman Froctor said that all the nearby cities and towns would probably be included.

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sides the Central Board of Civil Service Examsit is proposed to employ in special examinaexperts in the particular branch of work in
h there are vacancies to be filled. which there are vacancies to be filled.

Those present at the meeting included Postmaster Sullivan of Brooklyn and representatives of the local Boards of Examiners in the Internal Revenue, Postoffice, Appraisers' and Customs departments.

There will be no further meetings of the Commission in this city at present.

THE VICTIM OF SQUATTERS.

A WOMAN ASKS RECORDER GOFF TO ENFORCE HER ALLEGED RIGHTS. was made before Recorder Goff in Part

I. General Sessions, yesterday that brought out a peculiar story. The motion was made by H. A Frost, who is the attorney for a woman said to be suffering from the tardy cause of justice. This woman, he said, was nearly destitute because the law did not give her the protection she is entitled to. She is Mrs. Babetta Bram, and is now well on in years. On April 24, 1878, according to the story, Mrs. Bram and her husband, Jacob Bram,

CONTENTION AS TO WHO SHALL BE THE COM-

Houston-st., was taken to the Essex Market Court yesterday on a charge of forgery in passing a check for \$5,8% on George H. Langyel, manager of the Hungarian Bank, No. 1 Avenue B. The check was good and passed through several hands, but bore one forged indorsement, that of the Metromade payable. There was a difference of opinion as to who was the real sufferer and who should draw up the complaint. The check, before it got into the hands of the police, took a somewhat

McCabe, a saloonkeeper of No. 94 Columbus-ave., and represented himself as the assistant superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Com-pany. McCabe gave him a check for \$58.35, the amount of his premium due. The man, it was afterward learned, was Jacob Rous, a Hungarian, who is now in his native country. The check next turned up in Roth's possession. He went to the to Joseph Stock, a director of the bank, of No. 278 East Houston-st., with whom he was acquainted. The latter indorsed the check and then Roth had it cashed at the bank. When the check was sent back to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company they pronounced the indorsement a forgery.

Detectives Manion and Barrett, of the Central Office, located Roth Wednesday afternoon. The detectives contended in the court that the last indorse should be the complainant. The officals of the insurance company said that inasmuch as their name was forged they should appear as complainants.

McCabe was in court and wanted to know where he came in. As the check was certified, he says he is still Hable for its amount. The officers of the insurance company say that Rous, who received the check, was not an officer of the company. McCabe still owes them the amount of his premium. The bank officers want to know whence they are going to recover their noney, it was finally decided to let McCabe draw up the complaint and the other parties will be witnesses to it.

Magistrate Kudich held Roth for examination. The officers of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company say that they will have Rous indicted and extradited from Budapest.

asphalt and granite of sixteen uptown streets, the sum totals being 12,3% square yards of asphalt and 6.5% square yards of granite block. General Collis said yesterday the bids showed that asphalt had

The bids were as follow, the figures being respec-tively for asphalt and granite: Barber Company, 1281 and 1350; California Asphalt Company, 1228 and 1360; Fruin & Bambrick, 1345 and 1350; Sicilian Com-pany, 1365 and 1450; Warren Scharf & Co., 1288 and 1330. The contract will be awarded next week.

To develop muscle, if that is what you're doing the washing for, perhaps the old way of washing with soap-rubbing the clothes up and down over a board-may be pretty good. It can't be healthy, though, to breathe that tainted, fetid steam, and you'd better take your exercise in ways that are pleasanter. But if you're washing clothes to get them clean, and want to do this disagreeable work easily, quickly, and safely-do it with Pearline. And one of the strongest points about Pearline's washing is its saving-its economy. Millions Not Pearline

THE TRIAL BADLY MUDDLED.

EXCEPTIONS TO RECORDER GOFF'S RUL-INGS IN THE GILMORE CASE.

trial of David M. Gilmore, alias Daniel M. Golden, before Recorder Goff in Part I, General ssions, became considerably muddled. Gilmore is charged with stealing a case of cigarettes valued at \$86 from a car of the West Shore Railroad at Weehawken, N. J., on February 7, and, bringing them to this city, sold them.

The prosecution closed yesterday, Mr. Mc-Laughlin, for the defence, called City Magistrate Crane to testify as to an alleged confession made Magistrate Crane testify. The defence then closed without producing any witnesses, and Mr. Mc-Laughlin began to sum up when court adjourned. Juror No. 12. George W. Palmer, kept the court waiting half an hour yesterday. When the trial finally started Assistant District-Attorney Osborne called City Magistrate Crane to the witness stand and said he would consent to let him testify.

Counsel for the defence said that was a quee way of conducting a trial, that after both sides to such procedure. Recorder Goff told the counsel foolish, but to go ahead and ask ques-The lawyer took an exception to the Re The Recorder then directed Mr. McLaughlin to

ask the witness about that alleged confession. "I object to Your Honor ordering or directing me to ask a question," exclaimed counsel for the de

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who testified Wednesday. Boyle was asked if anything was said in the police court about a confession of guilt by Gilmore

"Yes," said the witness. "Gilmore said to me 'I knew the thing was crooked, but you can't blame a man for making a dollar. I told this to Magistrate Crane, but he discharged the man."

Boyle stepped down, and Magistrate Crane was again called. Counsel for the defence asked him a number of questions about the alleged confession, but the Recorder would not allow the witness to answer.

"Put the question yourself," exclaimed Mr. Mc-Laughlin, "if your Honor doesn't like the way I put it."

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Mr. McLaughlin, at the trial of David M. Gilmore in the Court of General Sessions Wednesday, gave the impression that Mr. Roosevelt had sent such a letter; that it was of value to the defence, and that he might call Mayor Strong as a witness.

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NO SUCH ESTATE.

NEVERTHELESS WATTS IS ON HIS WAY FROM TEXAS TO CLAIM IT.

The news came from Texas yesterday that Thomas B. Watts, jr., was on his way to New-York to claim an estate valued at \$18,000,000, left him by his uncle, Thomas B. Watts, sr., who had died here three years ago. No Thomas B. Watts, according to the City Directory, has lived here in the last six years. This, however, is not likely to interfere with the invention of yarns of this kind, which every now and then crop up, with an undistributed every now and then crop up, with an undistributed estate behind them, varying from \$5.00,000 to \$50,000,000 in cash. Inquiry at the Tax Department yesterday brought the reply that the records had no mention of any Watts estate awaiting a claimant. Controller Fitch and his predecessors for many years back have informed anxious inquirers from all parts of the country, including Texas, that there are no undistributed estates left in New-York. Stories representing their existence and the enger desire of executors, administrators, lawyers, bankers and safe deposit companies to hand over to modest heirs the fortunes that have been accumulating for them from investments of their dead relations, are fictions, which are usually the product of imagination.

The negotiations for the sale of the St. James Hotel property, at Broadway and Twenty-sixth-st., have taken another step forward. Preliminary conhave taken another step forward. Preliminary con-tracts between the representatives of the Spofford estate and the Philadelphia syndicate have been signed, whereby on the fulfilment of certain condi-tions the syndicate is to have the property for about \$1,000,000. As already stated in the Tribune, a fifteen-story office building is to be erected on the site in case the sale is made. It is expected that the building will cost about \$1,500,000.

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The property is held in trust for the benefit of the three sons and daughter of the late Paul Spofford.

The trustees are Everett P. Wheeler and Thomas The trustees are Everett P. Wheeler and Thomas Pearsall, the son-in-law of Mr. Spofford. Jacob Halstead, who is one of the legal representatives of the beneficiaries, said yesterday; "The negotiations are still pending, and the preliminary contracts amount only to an option. The deal has not yet been consummated." Those directly interested say that they expect the final step in the deal will be taken within two weeks.

The St. James Hotel is a six-story building on a plot of 94.4 feet frontage in Broadway and 110.1 feet in Twenty-sixth-st. The hotel was run for many years by William M. Conner, and has recently been managed by the Dorval Company.

PEW RENT ARREARS NOT GREAT.

Further inquiries made yesterday regarding the reported difficulty of collecting rents from various pewholders in the Madison Avenue Reformed Church, and the consequent recourse to legal steps to enforce the payment of overdue rents, consider-ably modified the substance of the statements that gained currency on the preceding day. While it is true that James G. Cannon, the treas-

urer of the church, placed two claims in the hands covered through the courts. Mr. Cannon's action received the indorsement of the Consistory of the church, and so far as could be learned yesterday no indignation, as has been hinted, exists among the

pany, 1366 and 1469; warren scenari & Co., 3288 and 1330. The contract will be awarded next week.

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was altogether too trivial to comment upon. Reply
ing to an inquiry, however, he added: "I have

placed no claims in the hands of attorneys for col
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country on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday no fewer than 409 children. More advantageous days on which to send the little ones away from the between the city and the country was great, indeed. The country must have been a veritable

A party of twenty for Afton, N. Y., and eleven for Sloansville, N. Y., left the city in the morning by several different families, and the undertaking is under the special leadership of Mrs. H. A. Benedict. A delightful visit has been planned for them At Sloansville the Rev. A. A. Reed is in charge of Late in the afternoon nineteen boys, from twelve

fifteen years of age, took the night boat for Ashland, N. H. They were on their way to an ideal boys' vacation. S. W. Sturgis has kindly weeks' visit, and arrangements have been made to and especially a city boy, would take the keenes delight in. The fourth party of fifty girls, for this On Tuesday the third party of this summer for Fairfield, Conn., consisting of sixteen children,

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